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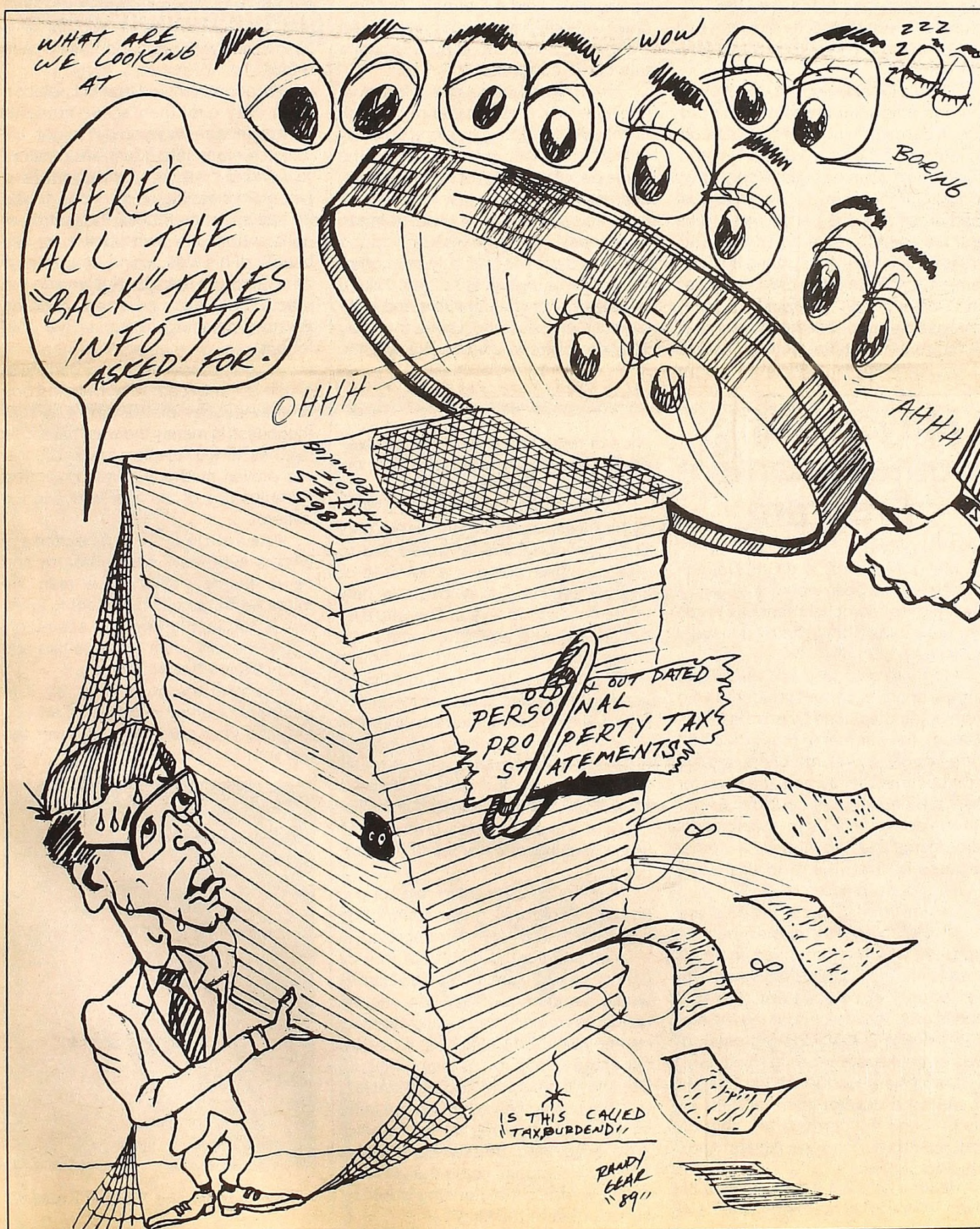
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Cease and Desist Order Against Council

Being Sought by *The Romulus News*



It seems that one member of the Romulus City Council may have just made a seriously bad move.

At the November 14 meeting of City Council, Councilman Jimmie Raspberry asked that private information be made available to him and the rest of the Council for their inspection. That confidential data concerns both current and past business people in Romulus. In fact, the records for past business people, alone, number over 800, according



Councilman Jimmie C. Raspberry to City Assessor Matthew Raftary.

It all began innocently enough. The Mayor, following the guidelines in the City Charter, brought before the Council the matter of destroying personal property assessments dating back to 1970 because they were beginning to take up too much room. The Assessor wanted to burn the records and, according to State statutes, that is his legal right. The statutes stipulate that he may destroy records of that nature after one year, although he must bring the matter before City Council for approval of the method of destruction.

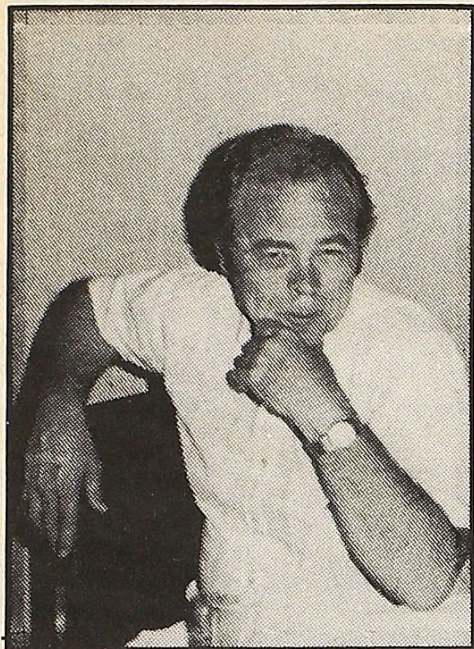
Councilman Raspberry said that he wanted the records brought to the Council so they could be inspected. He did not want the possibility of another "Watergate."

According to Raftary, however, personal property statements are confidential information to be seen by the taxpayer and the assessor only. The statements are to be used to place the assessments on personal property, and for no other purpose whatsoever (State Statute MCLA Section 211:13-23).

As a result of Raspberry's request,

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THE EDITOR'S OPINION



by D. A. Atkins

The City Administration and Romulus citizens have been engaged in a constant battle with the CSX Railroad. When they're not fighting over a proposed spur to be added at Eureka near I-275, they're arguing over the length of time that CSX's overlong trains keep Romulus crossings tied up.

Before my article concerning these tie-ups and the disregard for the wetland on Eureka appeared in "the little paper" (July 13, 1988; Volume 2, Number 1), Mayor Beverly McAnally contacted Senator Carl Levin, Representative William Ford, and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) about these problems being caused by CSX.

Shortly after the article's publication, the DNR placed a Cease and Desist order on CSX (Total Distribution Services, Inc.) because of its violation of the wetland area without the proper

Citizens and City Win Round One

permits from the DNR.

Recently, in a letter dated October 21, 1988, the DNR stated, "After due consideration of the permit application, on-site investigations, and other pertinent materials, the Department finds that the proposed activity would have a significant adverse impact on the natural resources, public interest and public trust held in Carr Drain and adjacent wetland areas on the site." What this really means is that you, the citizens, have won round one of a fight that seems as though it will continue for a long time.

The DNR also stated that, since there is no public interest in the proposed development, but there is a public interest in the unavoidable degradation of the resources and the possibility of further traffic delays at the east/west road crossings, the permit will not be granted until these problems are addressed satisfactorily. Further, the DNR reminded CSX that the order to Cease and Desist is still in effect.

In addition to its instructions concerning environmental factors, the DNR also suggested two possible means

of appeasing the public on the traffic-delay problem. The first alternative involves limiting the length of time the crossing is closed; the second entails the construction of a road overpass at the crossing on Eureka.

A problem would still exist, however, because the traffic tie-ups in Downtown Romulus have not been addressed by CSX. It's true that these changes will cost CSX a bundle; then again, CSX makes a bundle. Unfortunately, it's the citizens (as usual) who will be inconvenienced by CSX while this battle continues.

I feel that, as long as there is a problem with CSX (or any other railroad), it is not going to just dry up and go away unless you, the citizens, write to the same people the Mayor has written to, expressing your views and asking for help. As I said earlier, it is not going to be an easy fight; this was only round one, and there will probably be another nine or 14 before all is settled. Take a minute of your valuable time and write to your Congressmen. Doing that may help the citizens of this city win the fight, if only by a T.K.O. □

Mayor Wants Home Incentive Program

by D. A. Atkins

Mayor McAnally and City Council members have been working diligently toward the accomplishment of a home incentive plan that would aid many Romulus residents.

McAnally said she and Council had mutual concerns about residents who were being displaced by private development, the number of properties that were not on the tax roll because they have become City owned, the need for more new residential development to provide consumers for commercial development, and the first-time homeowners who find little to no affordable housing opportunities.

Tax-reverted City-owned lots are made available for the home incentive program, which is proposed to be offered to current Romulus residents. The first priority of selection of available land is proposed to be given to the residents of the Ecorse Community Subdivision (just south of Smith Road), who are being displaced by major changes in the land-development pattern of the City and the demand for more office, industrial, commercial, and hotel developments.

Second priority is proposed to be given to Romulus residents who have

chosen to sell their property to developers because of changing market values and land-use patterns.

Council wants residents who qualify for these parcels of land to pay only \$100 per lot. McAnally would like to give qualified persons a lot free of charge, provided they begin a new home on it within a year. The City's interest would be protected because it would hold the deed until the house was completed. The City would hold a lien for three years, and then release it. Also, building permit fees are proposed to be waived, and certain low-income individuals and families eligible under the CDBG program will be offered a direct grant of up to \$2,000 to cover costs of site preparation, utility installation, closing, or other administrative costs.

Applications for this program will be brought before a review committee and City Council for their approval.

The anticipated results of this incentive program are many. New homes would stand on property now vacant, residents would have an opportunity to remain in the City, residents would be relocated as a result of changing land use and market conditions, vacant lots that are currently a blight on the landscape would become attractive property, more land that is now vacant would, once again, be on the tax rolls, and new residential housing would be constructed in the City. □

Kruse Is News

by D. A. Atkins

Richard Kruse, Band Director at Romulus Junior High, has made the big time. Not only was an article about him (and the billboard he rented to honor his band) on the front page of the *Detroit News's* Metro Section (November 10, 1988), but he also appeared in a television interview on Channel 2 the same day. Now, that is class, no matter how you look at it.

The *News* talked about how he recruits kids for his band, the cost of the billboard (out of Kruse's own pocket), and so on; but the really important thing about Dick Kruse is the fact that he is so involved with his "kids" (as he calls them).

He has never said that his position is an easy one; then again, he never complains the way you or I might. He devotes many late hours after school to working on things for the kids (and just plain cleaning up after them), and he has spent countless thousands of dollars from his own pocket for the benefit of his kids. He never asks anything in return except hard work in the practice of their *music*, and learning the true meaning of those five little letters.

Among parents and children alike, Kruse has the reputation of being one of the tougher instructors, but that toughness is merely the way that Kruse teaches his kids to strive for excellence. His proven methods continue to give Romulus one of the best bands in the nation.

Kruse is a likeable, soft-hearted guy who is extremely down-to-earth and cares deeply for his fellow man. He might be a little difficult to get to know but, if you just ignore that seemingly gruff exterior, you'll come to like and understand a terrific person.

Keep up the good work, sir. The people of Romulus will be glad you did, and your students will never forget you. □



Henry James and Richard Kruse

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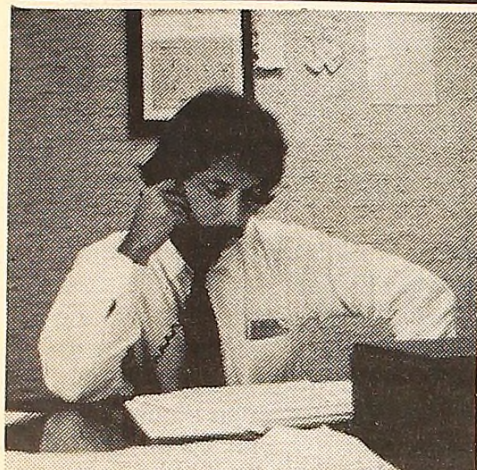
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IT'S THE LAW



by Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

Q. What does the term 'firework' mean?

A. The term 'firework' refers to a device made from explosive or flammable materials or chemicals used primarily to produce a visible display, audible effect, or both. Fireworks, under the law, are divided into Class B fireworks and Class C fireworks.

Class B fireworks include toy torpedoes, firecrackers, exhibition display pieces, aeroplane flares, illuminating projectiles, incendiary projectiles, incendiary grenades, smoke projectiles,

and other similar devices.

Class C fireworks include toy smoke devices, toy caps, toy propellant devices, cigarette loads, trick matches, trick noisemakers, smoke candles, smoke pots, smoke grenades, sparklers, and other similar devices.

If you have a legal question that you would like answered, you may send your question to my office and I will attempt to answer your question in this paper's next issue. Questions should be mailed to: Murray A. Duncan, Jr., 10000 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. □

Letter to the Editor

Mr. Adkins,

This is in response to the comments from "Really Concerned" about Romulus High School, Planned Parenthood, etc.

1. A lot of things about high school these days shock me.

2. I really believe our children need all the facts they can get about birth control, sexually transmitted diseases,

and AIDS as possible.

3. Yes, condoms have a 5-15% failure rate, but what if your child was one of the lucky people whose life was saved because the school pushed the issue of safe-sex?

4. Desire for sex is natural at these teenage years. We, as parents, can talk to our children, because the final decision whether or not has to be theirs.

5. Lastly, to Romulus High School, keep passing out all the literature you can. Hopefully, it will save some of our children's lives.

Signed,
"Mother Knows Best"

P.S. Keep up the good work, Little Paper. □

Radford Says 'Thanks' to All

by D. A. Atkins

Marilyn Radford recently called me and asked if she could say thanks to all the people who have responded to the article about her son, Rick, which appeared in the last issue of *The Romulus News*. It is done.

Mrs. Radford said Rick is getting better, but it is still going to be a hard climb for him. He is about to start his

therapy, and that will take a lot of time. Rick now recognizes his family, but not many other people. He is still being fed through his stomach, and still has a trachea tube in his throat for breathing.

Mrs. Radford said that many people around the Country have been saying prayers for Rick, and she is the first to state that prayer does, in fact, work. □



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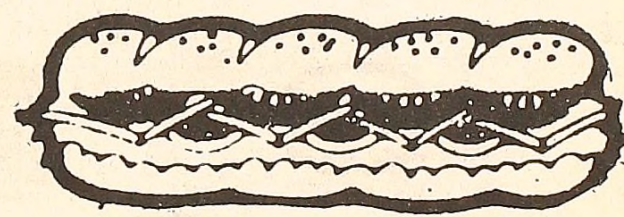
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THE SENIOR CLASS

by Mary Clark

Thanks to Charles Fry and Barbara Schultz for contributing information to this issue's Senior News.

Don't Forget

Please remember that the Romulus Senior Center will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25.

Potluck Dinner

Be sure to come over and sign up for the Senior Center's potluck dinner, which will be held Tuesday, November 29, at 5 p.m. The chefs (Marilyn Masters and Barbara Schultz) will provide the meat dish for everyone, and will be rely-

ing on you to provide the rest. There also will be a short film of interest to everyone.

Legal Aid

Wednesday, November 30, free legal aid will be available to Romulus senior citizens from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You will be served on a first-come basis. Please sign in when you arrive.

New Year's Eve Party

A special New Year's Eve Party will be sponsored by the Holiday Inn of Romulus on December 31 at 5 p.m. Please see Marilyn at the Center to re-

serve your spot. The cost is only \$3, which includes party hats, favors, entertainment, dancing, transportation from the Center (or drive yourself), and dinner. (Tower residents can sign up at the Tower.)

?? Mystery Trip ??

For a cost of \$28, interested senior citizens can take a Mystery Trip on Thursday, January 26. Sign up at the Center.

Lifelong Ambition Realized

While on a recent trip to Europe,

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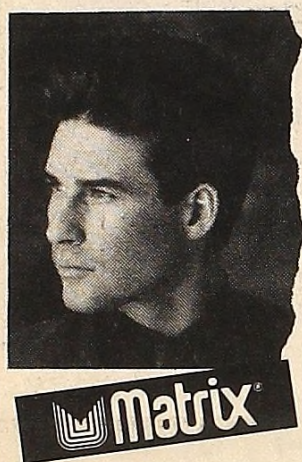
Community Calendar

DATE	EVENT
November 16	The Romulus Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. in the Romulus Public Library.
November 16	The Romulus Community High Bakery (11401 Olive Street) will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. Call 941-7901 for a list of fresh baked goods and prices.
November 17	The Romulus Public Library's Bibles Program (which meets every other Thursday) will meet from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Romulus Public Library. The program is for young people 11 to 14 years of age who enjoy reading, participating in volunteer projects for the Library, planning puppet shows, helping with holiday programs, and much more. Story time for children ages three to seven will be held at the Romulus Public Library at 10:30 a.m. Children will enjoy listening to stories and participating in fingerplays and other group activities. Please register your child either at the Library or by calling 942-7589.
November 17	Story time for children ages three to seven will be held at the Romulus Public Library at 7 p.m. (Please see the November 17 listing for details.)
November 22	Story time for children ages three to seven will be held at the Romulus Public Library at 7 p.m. (Please see the November 17 listing for details.)
November 23	The Romulus Community High Bakery (11401 Olive Street) will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. Call 941-7901 for a list of fresh baked goods and prices.
November 28	The Fall Sports Banquet for the participants in the Cross Country, Girls' Basketball, Golf, and Cheerleading programs (and their parents) will be held at 6 p.m. in the Romulus High School cafeteria.
November 28	The Romulus City Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.
November 28	The Romulus Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Romulus Community Schools Administrative Office Building.
November 29	Story time for children ages three to seven will be held at the Romulus Public Library at 7 p.m. (Please see the November 17 listing for details.)
November 30	The Fall Sports Banquet for the participants in the Varsity and Junior Varsity Football programs (and their parents) will be held at 6 p.m. in the Romulus High School cafeteria.
November 30	The Romulus Community High Bakery (11401 Olive Street) will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. Call 941-7901 for a list of fresh baked goods and prices.
December 1	The Romulus Public Library's Bibles Program meets from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Library. (Please see the November 17 listing for details.)
December 1	A special Christmas Pre-School Story Time will be held at the Romulus Public Library at 10:30 a.m.
December 2	The City's holiday festivities begin at 6 p.m. in the Downtown Romulus area with a tree-lighting ceremony, which will be followed by caroling and Santa's arrival at 6:30 p.m. Immediately afterward, refreshments will be served at the Beacon Center on Olive Street, where Santa will be available to listen to the children's wishes.
December 2	The Girl Scouts' Barth-St. Aloysius-Wick Cluster will have its Cluster Christmas Event, which will begin with participation in the City's holiday festivities listed above. The girls will then meet at St. Aloysius by 7:45 p.m. for more activities, including a visit from Ronald McDonald at 8 p.m. and a movie (with popcorn and orange drink supplied by McDonald's). Admission is one can or box of food, which will be donated to the Goodfellows. Parents can pick up their children at 10 p.m.
December 3	The Romulus Public Library's Christmas Tree Trimming will be held at 1 p.m. in the Library.

For information about art exhibits, plays, concerts, festivals, and other activities in the Detroit Metropolitan Area, call the 'What's Line' at 298-6262 for a pre-recorded message.

To place information in the Community Calendar, please call 941-3113.

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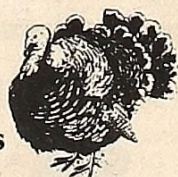
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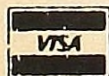
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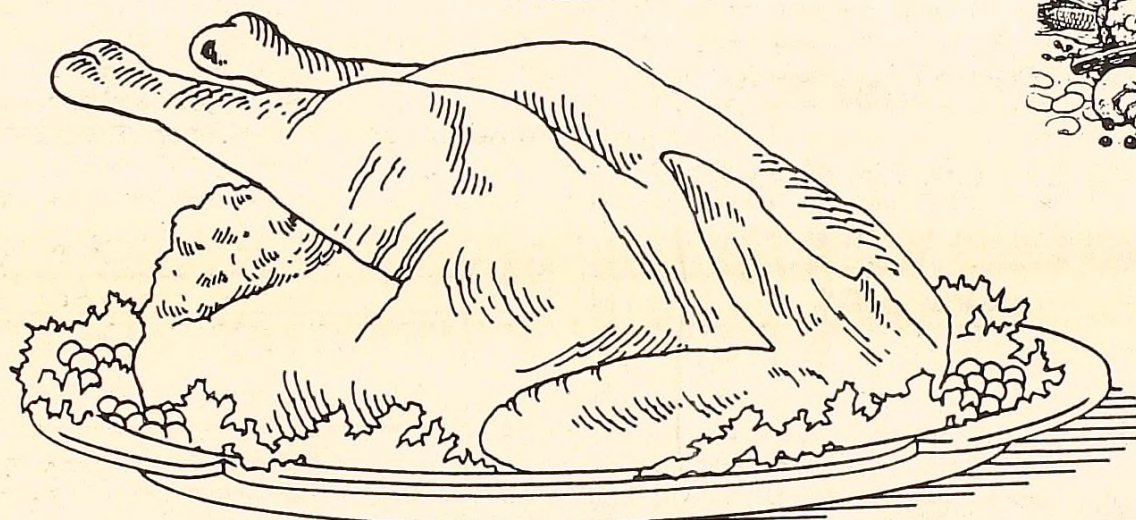
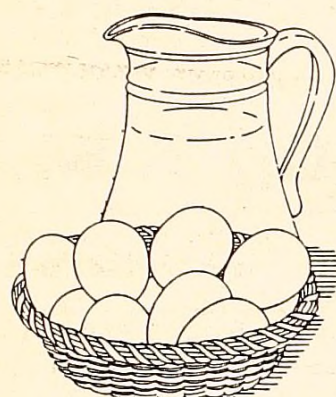
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Bomb Threat

On September 28, 1988, at 2 p.m., the Romulus Fire Department dispatcher received an alarm from a Romulus police officer concerning a bomb threat at the District Court parking lot. Fire Chief William Greenslait was one of the respondents to the alarm and, when he arrived, he was informed that there was a pipe bomb in the back seat of a police car.

When Chief Greenslait inquired how the bomb got there, officer Cora Semrau explained the incident. Apparently, she had been in the court signing a complaint with a complainant. As he wrote, he told her that he had been out in his driveway, loading his truck, when someone drove by and threw something at it. Upon investigation, he found a bomb whose fuse was burning. He tried to stomp the fuse out, but failed, so he removed it. He then picked up the bomb, put it into a bag, and brought it into the court building in the bag.

Officer Semrau inspected the bag, and did, indeed, find a pipe bomb, which she very calmly and professionally removed from the building without alarming anyone or causing a disturbance. It was a very courageous act on her part, for which she deserves our commendation.

The Michigan State Police disposed of the pipe bomb in the field, and determined that it was loaded with black powder.

Arrest Made in Criminal Sexual Assault Complaint

On September 3, 1988, Romulus police officers investigated a criminal sexual conduct complaint. The complaint involved reported sexual activity between a 30-year-old Defendant and two victims, ages 11 and 13. The investigation led to the authorization of a warrant, charging the Defendant with five counts of criminal sexual conduct in

the second degree.

The Defendant was arraigned in the 34th District Court on the charges, and bond was set at \$15,000 cash.

On October 5, the Defendant waived preliminary examination and was bound over to Circuit Court for arraignment on information on October 19. Final court action is pending.

WWATU Commends Barnes

Charles Wilmoth, Romulus Chief of Police, received the following letter concerning Sergeant Emmett Barnes of the Romulus Police Department.

Dear Director Wilmoth:

We would like to commend Sgt. Emmett Barnes for his professionalism and his alert patrol work. In early April, 1988, Sgt. Barnes observed a suspicious vehicle parked behind an airport hotel. He investigated and ascertained the identity of the occupants. He then reported this information to the Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit.

This information helped to reveal a conspiracy between two individuals who were being investigated individually by two different auto theft teams. This information saved the two auto theft teams many hours of investigation. The investigation ultimately resulted in the issuance of over 50 felony arrests and the recovery and seizure of over one half a million dollars of stolen property.

It is estimated that these subjects are responsible for over \$2.25 million dollars of auto theft annually. They also have extensive criminal histories. This auto theft ring has been operating for at least the past two years.

Please let Sgt. Barnes know how much we appreciate his excellent patrol work and his taking the time to share the information with the Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit. A specialized unit, such

as ours, depends upon information from patrol divisions to achieve its success. Your department has consistently provided us with outstanding investigative leads and assistance. If we may ever be of service to you, please call me.

Sincerely,
D/F/Lt. Christopher Hogan
Commanding Officer
Western Auto Theft Unit □

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Person of the Year

The Ninth Annual Romulus Person of the Year is being sought by the Romulus Chamber of Commerce. The only criterion for nomination is that the person must be someone who has made a significant contribution to the community.

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NEWS FROM THE "REC" CENTER

Youth Rollerskating Trip

A Rollerskating Trip will be held Friday, November 25 (the day after Thanksgiving). The cost of this outing is \$5, which includes entrance, skate rental, transportation to and from the Woodhaven Skateland, and adult supervision. The bus will leave the Recreation Building at 4 p.m., and will return at approximately 7 p.m. Registration must be made by 12 p.m. November 23.

Adult Nine-Pin Tap Bowling

This event is scheduled for Saturday, December 3, beginning at 9 p.m. at the Romulus Lanes. The cost is \$15 per team, which includes bowling, pizza, all jackpots, and cash prizes for at least the top three finishers. A team may consist of two women or one man and one woman. Registration must be made and fee paid in advance at the Recreation Department office. For further information, call the Department office at 942-6852.

Flower Arranging

Flower arranging classes will be held in the Recreation Building from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on four consecutive Monday nights: November 28, December 5, December 12, and December 19. People of all skill levels are welcome to attend. A \$5 fee is charged for the four weeks, and supplies are extra. Pre-registration is required by November 23.

Youth After-School Program

The Youth After-School Program will continue during the fall and winter months. Third and fourth graders will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Barth, Cory, and Wick schools, with Hayti, Merriman, and Halecreek going from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m. Fifth and sixth graders will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays following the same schedule. The activities scheduled are floor-hockey for November and December, and basketball for January through

March. The cost is only \$10 per participant, which covers the entire program, a t-shirt, and transportation.

Students who had paid and registered for the soccer portion of this program are also paid through the floor-hockey and basketball portion.

The Recreation Department is in need of a couple more coaches for this program. If you are interested, please call the Department office at 942-6852.

Registration for students can be made on the first day of the program by sending a \$10 check with your child. (Make checks payable to the Romulus Recreation Department.) Permission slips are available at the program from the leader.

Drop-In Programs

The Recreation Department is offering the following Drop-In Programs: Co-Ed Volleyball (Mondays, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at the North Junior High; cost is \$1), Teen Basketball (Tuesdays, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at the North Junior High, and Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at Halecreek Elementary; cost is 75¢), and Men's Basketball (Thursdays, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at Beacon Center; cost is \$1). □

Here's a "TIP"

by D. A. Atkins

If you ever thought you would like to attend college, but always felt you could not afford it, maybe there is hope for you through a new program called "TIP."

Sponsored by the State of Michigan, "TIP" allows you to attend college at no cost to you if you fall below a certain income level and meet other requirements. The colleges you may attend are community colleges, and have many

courses to choose from.

James Kosteva (State Representative, 37th District) was at Wayne County Community College (WCCC) on Friday, November 11, to explain to high-school students the importance of attending college and the benefits now available to them that were not available in the past. Over 300 Romulus High School students attended the meeting and got to see, firsthand, what college is all about.

In order to qualify for "TIP," you must be under 20 years of age, have a GED or a high-school diploma, and fall into a certain income bracket. For instance, if you are a high-school graduate, under 20 years of age, and come from a household of four where the family income is below \$11,200, you are eligible.

Also, if you complete your community college education within two and

a half years, you may also be eligible for \$2,000 toward a four-year college degree.

If you think attending college is not important, take a look at some of these statistics I came across.

If you are a school dropout, your odds of making \$50,000 in one year are one in 260. In fact, you will most likely make \$250,000 less than a high-school graduate in your lifetime.

If you finish high school, your odds of making \$50,000 a year increase; however, you will probably make \$450,000 less than a college graduate in your lifetime.

By graduating from college, however, your chances of making \$50,000 per year are very good.

For more information, call WCCC in Van Buren Township, or write to: TIP, P.O. Box 30037, Lansing, MI 48909. □

Econo Lodge Opens

by D. A. Atkins

The Econo Lodge Motel on Middle Belt is now open for business, and the rooms are spacious and very nice. Mayor McAnally did the honors at the ribbon-cutting ceremony, which took place on the inside of the front door because of the bad weather on the outside of it.

A large spread of food for invited guests was supplied by the new Denny's restaurant located next door to the Econo Lodge. It is my understanding that Denny's and the Econo Lodge have joined forces, and that combination should be very successful. I took my family to Denny's just a few days before the ribbon-cutting ceremony and found that the food there was excellent. Also, if you happen to take a two-year-old and a ten-month-old with you, as my wife and I did, you will find some very understanding and helpful waitresses there to assist you. The younger

of my two grandsons plowed into his hamburger and French fries as though there would never be more in his lifetime, but when I told the waitress, "After we leave, you'll have to get a plow in here to clean up this mess," she only laughed and was very considerate. □

Wondering About the Moon

by Tom Shamanski

"Daddy! Daddy! Daddy!" cries Meredith as she runs, face beaming and limbs flying crazily, into my outstretched arms. "Da! Da!" mimics Joe as he quickly toddles behind. I sweep Meredith up and give her an ocean of a hug and, simultaneously, bend to one knee to do the same with Joe. We fall in a heap and roll around, laughing and tickling. For this weekend—Mr. Mom, nothing is better than the first sight of my kids after a five-day void.

Several months ago, my wife and I realized a separation would be in everyone's best interests. I became a week-

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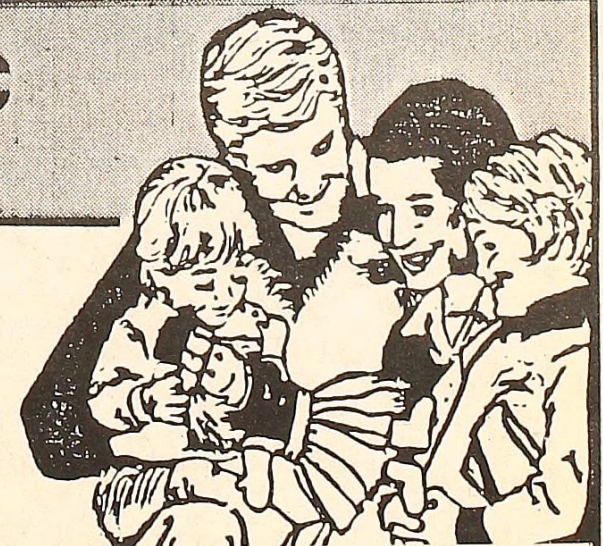
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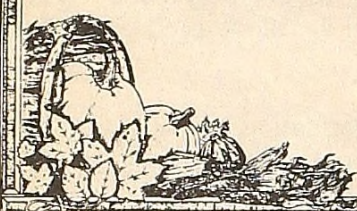


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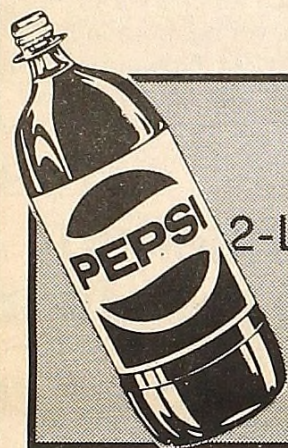
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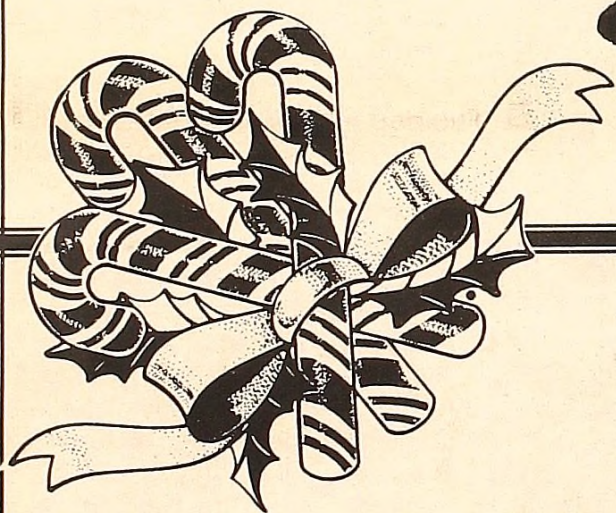
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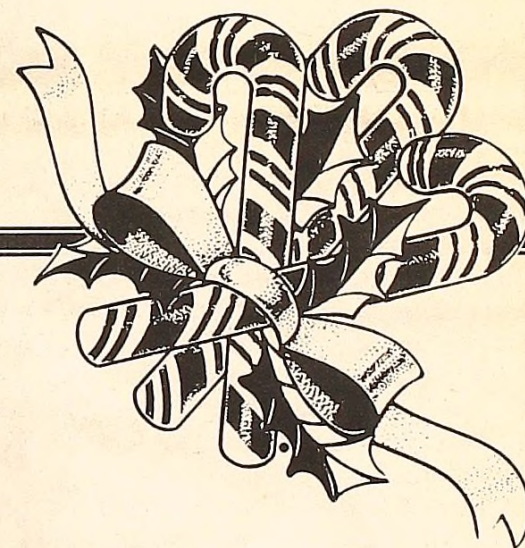
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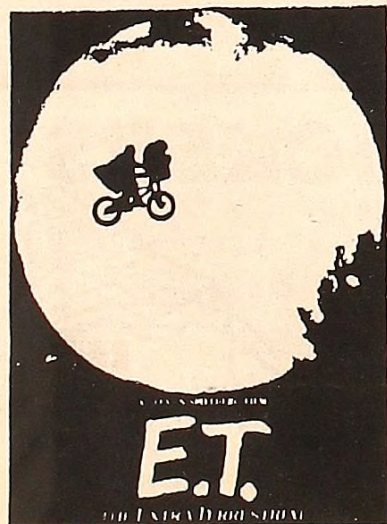
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Eagles Riding a Five-Game Win Streak

The Varsity Eagle Basketball Program, led by 6'3" senior Laurie Berlinn, extended its win streak to five with a double overtime victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Laurie led the Eagles with 20 points and 11 rebounds, but Coach Ron Bayes assessed the victory by saying, "This may have been the best win in my coaching career. We have never beaten Ann Arbor Pioneer (usually League Champion) and, more importantly, we had a total team effort to do so."

With starting guard Jennifer Daniel and starting forward Sue Molenda both out of action, the Eagles had only six girls to play in this game. Giawanna Lee took Jennifer's position and helped Carletta Jackson control the game from the top. Junior forward Rochelle Hawk had probably her best career performance, with 17 points and eight rebounds.

"Rochelle's outside shooting really kept us in the game. She has so much talent just waiting to bust loose and, just maybe, this is the game that will do it," added Coach Bayes.

Also coming to the aid of the injured Eagle team was junior Lynnette Cain. Although she scored only four points, Lynette's work on the boards was vital to the victory.

"It's hard to say who was our best player in this contest," added Bayes, "but, without a doubt, Tara Tyus made some critical shots, including the eventual game-winner."

Tara finished with nine points and six key rebounds, and had maybe her best game of the year so far.

"Free throws were a key," said Bayes. "We made 16-20 (80%), and teams that shoot like that usually win the ball game."

In the last two weeks, the Eagles have beaten Belleville, gained two lopsided victories over Essex of Canada (61-29 and 47-15), won in double overtime against Ann Arbor Huron (47-46), and achieved this great victory over Pioneer.

"We are finally beginning to play as a team," concluded Bayes.

could see it in practice and the games. The girls are beginning to believe in themselves and each other. I've felt all year that we would develop into a solid team, and it seems to be happening at just the right moment. We have Ypsi and Highland Park to play, and then we open with Belleville in the Districts. We're ready and it's going to take a good performance by someone to knock us off."

The Districts start November 18 at 7 p.m., with Romulus hosting Belleville. On Monday, Taylor Truman will play Southgate Anderson at 5:30 p.m., while the winner of the Romulus/Belleville game will play Taylor Kennedy at 7:30 p.m. The Finals will be on Wednesday, November 23, at 7 p.m., and all tickets for each night are \$3.

"I sure hope we win it," stated Fred

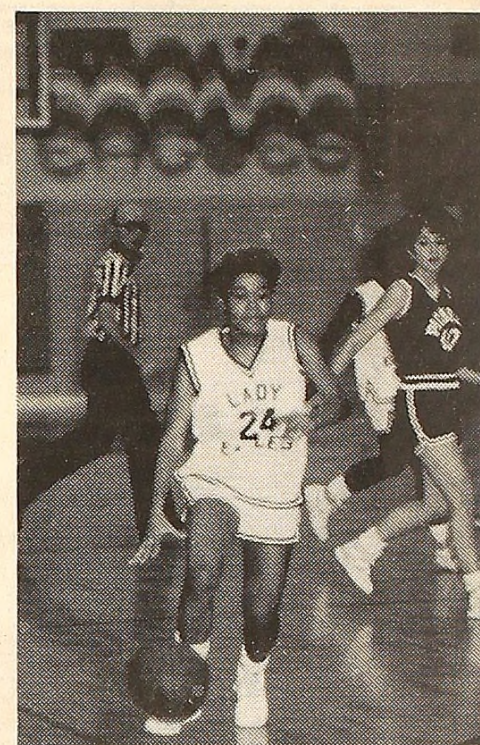
Coleman, Romulus Schools Athletic Director. "These girls have worked really hard to get where they're at, and winning our first-ever District in our gym would be a well-deserved gift for their efforts."

The tournament looks to be a toss-up, with all five teams being somewhat equal. If you are a basketball fan, you may want to jot down these dates, as you are sure to see some exciting basketball if you come to the games.

Any questions should be directed to the Athletic Office (941-3414). □

J.V. Basketball

Coach Julie Price and her Junior Varsity Eagles moved their record to 10-8 with victories over Essex of Can-



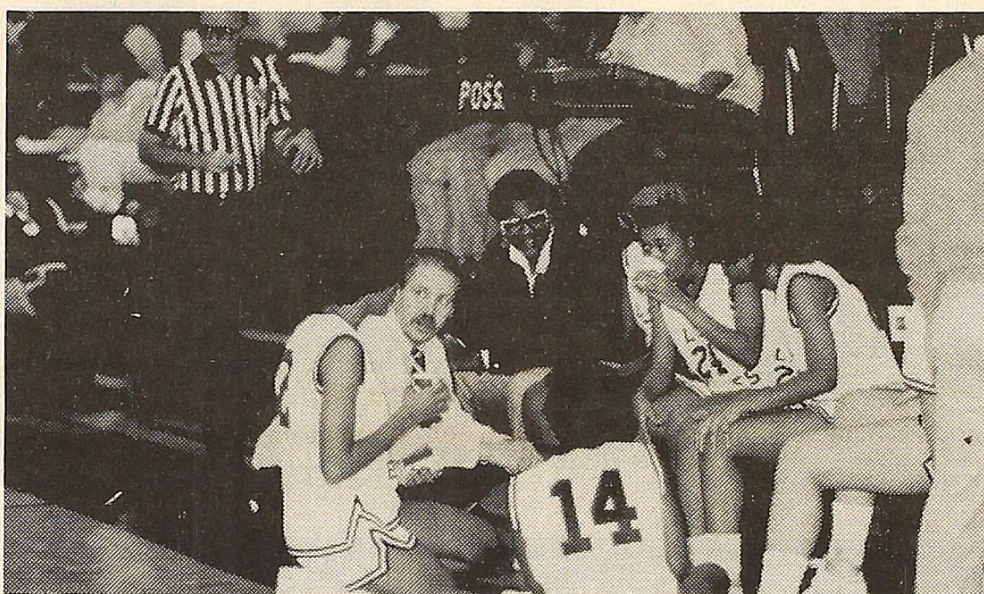
Senior guard Carletta Jackson brings the ball up the floor. (photo by Lance Knudson)

ada, 62-18 and 50-26, while also beating League rival Ann Arbor Pioneer, 52-43. Their only loss in these past two weeks was an overtime thriller to Ann Arbor Huron (33-32).

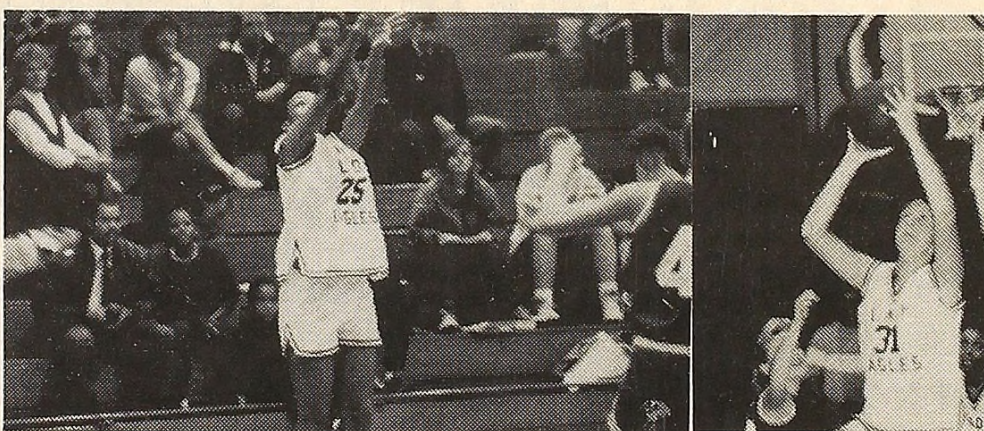
"These girls have worked hard all year, both in practice and in the games," stated Coach Price. "I really believe they are going to become an excellent Varsity program. Four of the starters are moving up to the Varsity for the State Tournament, and probably all four will be Varsity players next year."

The four girls moving up are Kim Hopewell and Carmita Brown, both of whom have been leading the young Eagles in the scoring column each week, as well as Angie Hopewell and Angie Slawinski, the two floor leaders and defensive specialists for the J.V. squad.

"Our pressure defense has kept us in most games and, like most sports, the team that plays the best defense is usually going to win," added second-year coach Price. "These girls need much work on the offensive part of their



Coach Ron Bayes discusses late game strategy. (photo by Lance Knudson)



Rochelle Hawk (left) scoring two of her 17 points, and Laurie Berlinn (right) scoring two of her 20 points versus Pioneer. (photos by Lance Knudson)

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game to be ready for Varsity-level competition, but their basic skills are solid and, if they work in the off-season, I look for all four to contribute next year."

The J.V. girls wrap up their season with games at Ypsilanti and Highland Park, and then hope to join many Romulus fans cheering our Varsity Eagles on in the District Tournament to be held beginning Friday, November 18, at the Romulus High School gymnasium. □

Bulldogs Finish Season with a Bang

The Romulus Junior High Bulldogs finished the season with consecutive wins over Toledo Witner (26-14) and Monroe Cantrick (44-0) to finish the season at four wins and one loss.

In the game against Toledo, Felton Bush scored all four touchdowns on runs of 44 yards, four yards, 23 yards, and nine yards; Charlie Dudonis scored the lone extra points.

Other highlights of the game were a blocked punt (Dan Brewer), a fumble recovery (Jeff Blanton), a kickoff return of 40 yards (Tim Farley), and a 48-yard return of an interception for a touchdown (Dudonis), which, unfortunately, was called back on a blocking penalty.

Against Cantrick, Bush again led the way with TDs on runs of 41, 21, and seven yards, and an extra point. Robb Thompson had a 56-yard touchdown run, Bobby Bergeron had a 33-yard touchdown run, and Dan Brewer ran in a fumble recover from 13 yards out. Extra points were added by Maurice Hatcher, Kairon Davis, and Joe Kusibab.

Coaches Don Foley and Tom Williams were pleased with the development of these boys who stuck out the season. They look forward to coaching the returning seventh graders and watching the eighth graders progress at the high-school level. □

From the A.D.

by Fred Coleman, Athletic Director, Romulus Schools

This past week, I reached a high point in this job that I just can't help but let the Athletic Fans know about.

First and foremost was the resounding passage of the millage rollover by the taxpayers of this community. That show of support makes most of our staff want to do just a little extra for the students and the community, and, if you take the time to look, you will see that many (if not most) of our school employees do apply the 'extra effort' attitude toward their work.

Second came two of the greatest victories our Girls' Program has experienced in the time that I have been here — two *double overtime* victories over Ann Arbor Huron and Ann Arbor Pioneer in basketball. These two victories were the first ever for our Basketball Program over these annual League and State powers.

Combined with these two highlights is the fact that we may have an opportunity to become a member of a league in the Downriver-Metro Area. What's exciting about this is the fact that our athletes would have the opportunity to gain local recognition for their feats, and would also give us an opportunity to develop closer ties with Downriver Areas, both in athletics and other student activities.

Our students, fans, and athletes have been developing a very positive reputation for our school and community in their travels throughout the State and Nation. Their behavior and competitive ability has begun to get our programs (athletics, student government, business clubs, and others) recognized by other schools and communities in a very positive manner.

This community has a lot to feel good about when it comes to our school system and its students. It seems like the bad eggs always get talked about and the information seems to spread quickly, but, believe me, there are more good eggs representing this community (both in and out of State) and, hopefully, with the help of *The Romulus News*, the school newspaper, and other available sources, we will be able to continue to communicate to the people of this fine community more and more about the positive accomplishments

of our students and athletes.
Thank you. □

Glover Goes Out a Winner

Next season, the Romulus Eagles will be under the leadership of a new head coach, as Norbert Glover has decided to hand over the reins to someone new.

"This is a great bunch of young men," stated Norbert, "and I really hate to give them up next season, but the football job takes up a lot of time and, between my classroom assignment and my family, it's just hard to find the time I need."

Norbert coached eight seasons at Romulus High and sent a number of our outstanding football players on to play at the collegiate level.

"Coaches are often evaluated by their win/loss record," said Athletic Director Fred Coleman, "but Norbert gave a lot more to our program than can be measured by just that. We're losing a good person and an excellent teacher from our program, as well as a coach, and I hope to find a replacement that is capable of working with young men as well as Norbert did these past eight seasons."

The Eagles finished their season and Coach Glover's career with back-to-back victories over Willow Run and Belleville.

"Beating Willow Run was especially nice this year," added Coach Glover, "as we have not had much success with them these past eight years, and that is where I graduated from High School."

The Belleville game was 'paybacks' from last season, when the Eagles looked to be able to handle their cross-town rivals, but, at the end, Belleville came to the Eagles' home field and dominated the game. This season's contest was just the opposite, as the Eagles, led by senior tailback Arol Trinity (209 total yards), scored twice in the first half and totally controlled the Tiger offense. The final score was 14-0, with Arol scoring both touchdowns on a 60-yard pass from junior quarterback Robert Hoth and a 55-yard run from scrimmage.

"Ricky Champagne and Guam Lee both had outstanding games in the middle of our defense," stated Coach Dan Stearn, "and with Randy Rhoden,

Tony Callockio, and Scott Murawski taking away the end runs, we forced them to pass."

That became a major plus for the Eagles, as Tim Kosikowski and Michael Maull each intercepted passes, giving the Eagles good field position and control of the ball. Hard hitting by the Eagle defense also led to seven Tiger fumbles and a total offense of only 56 yards.

"It was nice to see this fine group of young men win their final two games. A 2-7 record doesn't look like much, but our team played very well against our opponents this season. This is one of the best teams we have had in a number of years, and looks to be even better next year," added Coleman.

Further updates about the football coaching status, as well as other items of concern, will be forthcoming in the next issues of *The Romulus News*. □

Students of the Month

by Dan Hurst, Assistant Principal, RHS

Romulus High School is proud to recognize 55 students as September Students of the Month, who were selected by their individual teachers for excelling behaviorally and academically during that period of time. These students, along with their parents, were invited to a brief awards ceremony on October 19.

Thanks to a host of local sponsors, 32 of these students received \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds. This sponsor involvement gives visible support to a commitment of instilling high academic and behavioral standards in our students.

The following is a list of the September Students of the Month (each bond-winner's name is followed by the name of his/her sponsor in parentheses): Leah Aggison, Felipe Allison, Ken Arnett (Bestway Disposal), Glenn Beach, Ronald Bemby (Tom Dolan), Karleton Bingham (Romulus High School Math Department), Kelvin Brown, Wendy Burke (Romulus High School Secretaries), Tracy Carter, Seema Chackunkal, Darryl Champion (Steers Hardware), John Cooley (Jerry Boehms), Alison Cope, Otto Daniels, Mark Dauter (Romulus High School Science Department), Britica Davenport (Header Products), Shedrick Davenport, Shannon Dudonis

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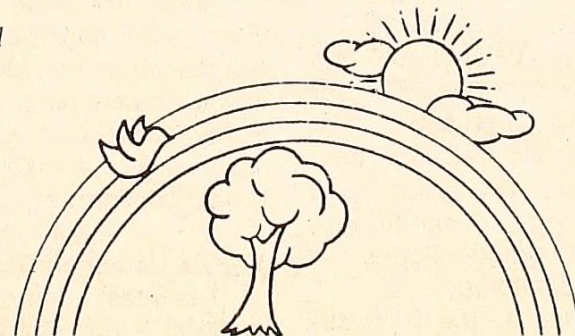
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Amy Marvicsin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley R. Marvicsin of 37020 Mario Ann Court, Romulus, has made the Dean's List for the past two consecutive terms and was recently inducted into the Outstanding College Students of America Organization.

Amy is currently a senior attending Michigan State University and will graduate in June with a B.A. and teacher certification in English and French secondary education. □

Obituaries

Arthur Augustine Andring

Arthur Augustine Andring, of 16418 Wayne Road, Romulus, died November 13, 1988, at Heritage Hospital. He was 55 years old.

Arthur was the beloved husband of Florence Hope (Reed) Andring, and the dear father of Kevin E., Arthur C., Jeffery P., and Aaron A. Andring. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Andring; his brothers Edward, Richard, Peter, and David Andring; and two grandchildren.

Arthur was involved in various organizations, including the Ford & Mercury Restorer Club, the V-8 Club of America, the AACA, the Huron Sportsman Club, and the Huron Chamber of Commerce, and was a past member of the Romulus Jaycees.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, November 17, at 10:30 a.m. at the Crane Funeral Home (36885 Goddard Road, Romulus); Michigan Memorial Park will be the site of interment.

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home of Romulus.

Davis H. Fields

Davis H. Fields, a resident of Romulus, died in Ann Arbor on November 6, 1988. He was 69 years old.

Davis, husband of the late Ellen I. Fields, was the beloved father of sons Lawrence E. and Davis W. Fields, and daughters Mrs. Lee (Marilyn I.) Williams, Mrs. Willie (Norma) Cofield, and Mrs. Rolando (Patricia K.) Shorey. The son of the late Hazel I. (East) and Simeon D. Fields, he is also survived by brothers George W. and James S. Fields, sisters Mrs. Horton (Hazel I.) Grant and Mrs. Jean E. Brown, 14 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services for the University of Michigan retiree and member of the First Baptist Church of Romulus were held Thursday, November 10, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church (on Delano Street in Romulus), with the Reverend Charles P. Woolridge officiating. The interment site was Alban Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the Crane Funeral Home of Romulus. □

Engaged

Haines/Good

Lisa Marie Haines and Alex Good, both of Romulus, announced their engagement on April 8, 1988, and plan to be married June 3, 1989, at the Evangel Baptist Church in Taylor.

The bride's parents are Gary and Carol Haines, of 15574 Brandt, Romulus, and the groom's parents are Byron and Marian Good, of 13244 Huron River Drive, Romulus. Other proud family members include the bride's grandparents, Clem and Eleanor Shemanski, and the groom's grandparents, Steven and Grace Buckley and Byron and Edith Good.

The bride, Lisa Marie, is training to be a dental assistant; the groom, Alex Good, is presently attending Detroit College of Business to earn a degree in that field, and is also training to become a computer operating specialist through a program from 'Com-Tech.' □



New Arrivals

Amanda Christine Nicastro

Amanda Christine is the first child born to Nancy (Dezomits) Nicastro (a 1976 graduate of Romulus High School) and John Nicastro, of 6704 Banner in Taylor. Amanda was born October 28, 1988, at 5:16 a.m. in Riverside Osteopathic Hospital in Trenton. She measured 20 inches, and weighed seven pounds, five ounces.

Amanda's maternal grandparents, Edward and Berta Mae Dezomits of Romulus, and paternal grandparents, Ernest and Elnore Nicastro of Dearborn Heights, were very pleased about her arrival, as were her great grandparents, Romulus-resident Juanita Anderson, Josephine Bonk of Canton, and Ida and Ernest Nicastro of Alpena.

Angela Catherine Sovinski

The latest addition to the family of William Jr. and Catherine Sovinski is Angela Catherine, their fifth child and fourth daughter. Angela was born on October 4, 1988, at 9:33 a.m. at Providence Hospital. She weighed in at six pounds, 12 ounces, and measured 19 inches.

Angela has one six-year-old brother, Bill III (who is the only grandson of seven grandchildren on one side and

nine grandchildren on the other). Her sisters are Marjorie (nine), Kaitlin (three and a half), and Johanna (17 months). Angela's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Merrit and Mr. and Mrs. William Sovinski, Sr., live in Garden City, and her great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Proudfoot, Sr., are residents of Westland. □



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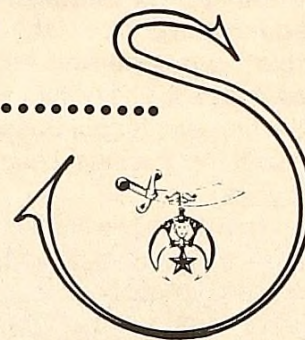
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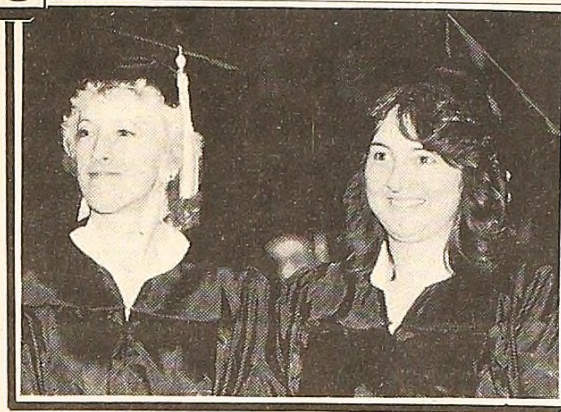
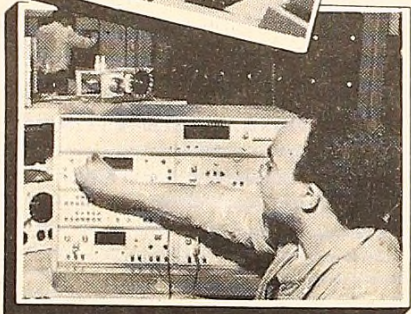
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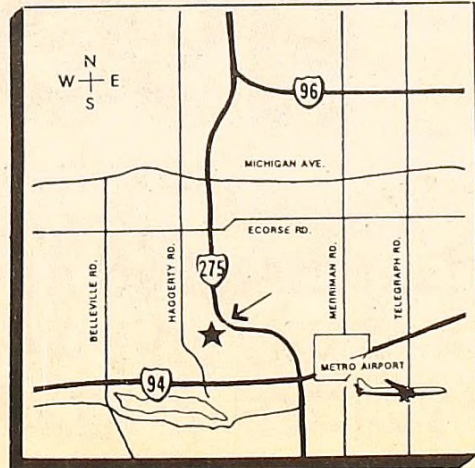
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Oral Health

by Rhonda J. Hennessy, D.D.S.

In a recent issue of *The Romulus News*, J.H. Barden, D.O., submitted a letter that contained tips on maintaining good general health. Another aspect of health that is frequently ignored is that of the mouth and teeth. It is important to remember that anything that enters the mouth goes to the stomach and, eventually, throughout the body. Since many people are not aware of the importance of good oral health, I will be doing a regular column here in "the little paper" to help educate readers on the subject.

Let's begin with a description of gum diseases, and discuss how to recognize and prevent them.

Gingivitis (bleeding gums) and *periodontitis* (pyorrhea) are diseases that affect nine out of 10 American adults. They can cause you to lose your teeth

and, therefore, affect your chewing ability and appearance.

Gum disease is caused by *plaque*, a sticky film that consists of harmful bacteria. These bacteria use the sugar and starches in our foods to make acids that destroy the gum tissue and bone around the teeth. If these by-products are allowed to collect on the teeth and are not removed, a hard deposit known as *calculus* (tartar) eventually forms.

Gum disease is painless in its early stages, but can be very painful in its most advanced form.

How is gum disease recognized?

- Do you have red, swollen gums that bleed when you brush or floss?
- Do you have chronic bad breath or a bad taste in your mouth?
- Do you notice your gums pulling away from your teeth?
- Are your teeth shifting, or have you noticed a change in your bite?
- Do you notice pus between the teeth and gums when pressure is applied to your gums?

If you recognize any of these warning signs, you could have early or advanced gum disease.

How is gum disease prevented?

- *Brush your teeth* at least twice a day to remove the soft, sticky food substances known as plaque.
- *Floss your teeth* to remove plaque from the area you cannot reach with a toothbrush.
- *Oral rinses are optional*, unless recommended by your dentist. There are many kinds and, therefore, may not be suited for everyone.
- *Eat a balanced diet.* The best foods for your teeth are cheeses, fresh fruits and vegetables, whole-grain breads, and other foods with no refined sugars.
- *Make regular dental visits* to remove the hard substances from your teeth that floss and toothbrushes cannot

remove. This is recommended at least twice a year.

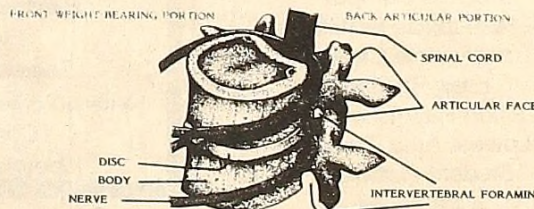
Remember, total health includes oral health. Be true to your teeth or they'll be false to you! □

Spinal Subluxations

This first of a series of articles on Chiropractic medicine is reprinted from Pain, Headaches, & Stress by Chester A. Wilk, D.C., P.C., and was submitted by Dan Elwart, D.C.

Spinal subluxations is an expression you will frequently hear in a chiropractor's office. It is used to denote a complex series of events which may involve two or more vertebrae as they articulate with each other. The vertebrae may become "fixed" or restricted within their normal range of motion, affecting the spine's ability to function normally. This term should not be confused with a "medical subluxation" which simply refers to a minor vertebral displacement. A chiropractic subluxation is more complex, and is appropriately named a "subluxation complex."

Shown below are some vertebrae. The front portion of the spine is weight-bearing and consists of vertebral bodies and their discs. The discs are made up of a jelly-like substance enclosed between the bodies of the vertebrae by outer fibrous rings. The discs act as shock absorbers.



The back portion of the spine gives rise to the joint surfaces which are called "articular facets." They guide and help keep the vertebrae sliding within their normal range of motion. Small openings are created when the vertebrae sit on top of each other. These openings are called "intervertebral foramina" which allow nerves and blood vessels to exit. The sensory nerves which exit from these openings allow you to feel the sensation of touch, pain, temperature and pressure, while the motor nerves that exit are responsible for your being able to move your muscles and joints. Impaired function of these nerves may cause a variety of human discomfort, including pain and restricted motion, and a need to restore normal joint mechanics. Since the spine is part of a living mechanical structure you will hear the expression "bio" (for living) and "mechanics" used together. Hence, the term "biomechanics" refers to the mechanics of a living structure.

The typical spinal components involved in a subluxation complex may be the intervertebral foramina and the nerves and blood vessels which exit from them, the front weight-bearing portion of the spine made up of the bodies and discs, the gliding joints in back called "articular facets," as well as ligaments, local muscles and their tendinous attachments to the vertebrae.

The normal human body is not a lifeless object, but rather a living and vibrant machine which is involved with walking, running, climbing, bending, lifting, twisting, stooping, squatting, reaching, pulling, pushing, flexing and extending in different directions. The components of the vertebral joints are naturally subjected to injury, stress, strain, sprain, fatigue, trauma, etc. Once this happens it may affect the joint's ability to function normally. Local

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Mock Election at Merriman

Merriman students in grades four, five, and six participated in a Mock Election on November 8.

Through campaigning, primaries, and conventions, students were elected to represent the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates. Representing George Bush was Melissa Jackson; for Dan Quayle, Amanda Pino; for Michael Dukakis, Jason Chmura; and for Lloyd Bentsen, Stephanie Vit.

Next, official registrars Christina Gray, Tony Williams, Joshua Wells, and Amy Regnier registered the students — no registration, no vote.

The candidates hit the campaign trail by giving speeches and holding debates, which were moderated by Amy Regnier, Jason Woolfork, Christina Gray, LaQuita Fox, Christina Schweizer, and Jeremy Castle. The campaign managers, Tonjia Peterson, Jamie McGraw, Kacy Stewart, and Nicole Dyer, kept the momentum going with posters and buttons.

Sixth-grade teacher Mrs. Germaine hopes the children learned how the election process works, and that the mock election instilled in them the importance of their Constitutional right to vote as adults. □

Barth Gazette

Reprinted from the November, 1988 edition of the official newsletter of Barth Community School.

Barth Makes Free Press

Kids in Mrs. Richard's first-grade class were all smiles when the Sunday, October 23 edition of the *Detroit Free Press* featured a story and photographs about their classroom. The article was entitled, "Assignment: 21st Century." The *Free Press* selected Mrs. Richard's class to follow for the next 12 years until her students become graduates

of the "Class of 2000." Congratulations to Mrs. Richard, her student-teacher Carol Przybylo, and all of the students and parents of Room 18. You are in the spotlight and Barth is proud of you!

PTO Raises \$6,500

Thanks to some great salesmanship at Barth School, the Barth PTO raised over \$6,500 to purchase playground equipment for the school. Three students sold over \$600 — Roy Porter and LaNeda Davis from Mrs. Mientkiewicz's classroom and Roggett Peterson in Mrs. Reott's room.

A committee of parents and students will recommend a variety of playground items and all students will then vote on what they would like to have. With luck, the equipment could be in place by spring. Again, thanks to all who participated.

Special thanks go to Judy Gondek, who chaired the fund-raising project. Mrs. Gondek spent hours working out the details of this very special and profitable event. Thank you, Mrs. Gondek, and thanks to the many other volunteers who helped you make this Barth's most successful fund-raiser ever!

PTO Starts Food Drive

The Barth PTO will prepare Thanksgiving food baskets for families who have encountered financial problems and need special assistance over the holiday period. Please send non-perishable food items for these families into school with your children. There will be a large drop-box in the office for your donations.

What a Great Rip-Off

When is a rip-off a good deal? The answer is simple . . . when you rip off the labels from Campbell's Food Products and send them to school with your child. The PTO can redeem these labels for playground equipment and other valuable school supplies.

Are You Ready for an Emergency?

Parents who are not home during the day should have emergency plans in case school closes suddenly and children are sent home. This could happen if the building loses its electrical power, heating units, or water supply. Please tell your children what to do in case they are sent home at a time when you are not there. □

Marching Eagles Give 'Best Musical Performance'

by Rich Szente

The Romulus Marching Eagles, under the direction of Mr. Henry James, were invited to participate in Wayne Memorial High School's "A Half Time Review" program on Wednesday, October 5, along with several other high school bands. Those bands included the Inkster High School "Viking" Band, the Tri-Union Band of Taylor, the John Glenn High School "Marching Rocket" Band, the Garden City "Cougar" Band, the Trenton High School Band, and the Wayne Memorial High School "Marching Zebras."

The Romulus Marching Eagles won the award for Best Musical Performance. They performed two musical selections, *Magna* and *Night Train*, and also spelled out 'Romulus' in a marching routine.

The City of Romulus should be proud to have such a fine music department at the High School. □

Wick Kids Receive Encyclopedias

Nina and Deemis Wood of Wick Elementary School were the unexpected, but proud, recipients of a beautiful set of *World Book Encyclopedias*, compliments of the World Book Company. The set of books was made available through a program, "Company with a Heart," which has been responsible for placing 32,000 sets of free books in homes of worthy families in the last

two years. The basic philosophy of the company is that learning begins at home and, since 86% of the average child's time is spent in the home environment, quality educational materials must be readily available to aid parents in their efforts to enhance their child's education.

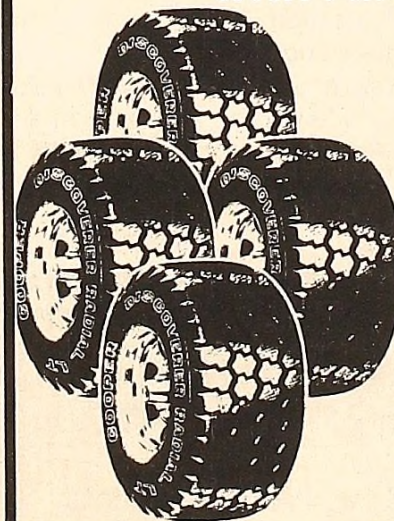
The Wood family was selected with the assistance of Nick Tottis, principal of Wick Elementary, and Dorothy Murray, a teacher at Wick and District Manager for the World Book Company. Nina and Deemis are both very good students, but having a personal set of encyclopedias will surely give them an additional educational advantage in their future schooling.

What did mom, Kathy Wood, have to say about this? "Now, my kids won't have to borrow the neighbor's book or miss homework assignments if the library is closed. I can't believe it!" □



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SUBLUXATION

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congestion, swelling, restricted motion, muscle spasm and pain may follow altering the "biomechanics" of the spine. This can adversely affect the nerves exiting from the openings between the vertebrae. If the subluxation is in the upper part of the neck, neck pain and headaches are more likely. If the subluxation is in the lower neck it may irritate nerves which go into the arms; if between the shoulder blades, it may cause pain to radiate between the ribs to the front; if in the low back, it may cause pain to extend down the legs. The level of the subluxation will affect the level of the problem.

A Vicious Cycle . . .

Restricted motion, swelling (blood/serum engorgement, etc.) and nerve root irritation may cause pain and muscle spasm which will, in turn, restrict vertebral joint motion and cause more nerve irritation. A "vicious cycle" is established in which one factor causes the other to occur. Nerves involved in a subluxation may not only cause pain but may affect the health and integrity of different organs in the body (such as the heart, stomach, lungs, etc.) which get their nerve supply from the involved nerves. Doctors of chiropractic attempt to locate and remove or correct subluxations by "adjusting" the spine. □

SENIORS

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fry visited the grave of his uncle at Fere-en-Tardenois, France. The uncle, Private Charles Downing Morris, USMC, was killed in the battle for the Aisne-Marne sector during World War I. Morris enlisted from Romulus in February, 1918, and died July 19, 1918. Mr. Fry was named after Morris and realized a lifelong ambition in making this trip.

Thanksgiving Program

A special Thanksgiving Program will be presented by the Stewart Family Gospel Singers on Wednesday, November 16, at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Romulus Tower. All Tower residents are invited to attend.

Bazaar a Success

The Bazaar which was held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Romulus Tower on November 10, 11, and 12 was a real success. The lucky lady who won the raffle for the beautiful afghan made by Dorothy LaLonde was Laura Chesno, who works in the Tower office.

A Hometown Christmas

Can you imagine 55,000 blooming poinsettias, forming a Christmas sea of red and green? That's what you'll see if you tour the Stratton Greenhouses with other Romulus senior citizens on December 1. The trip will also include a visit to the family's country craft shop (chock-full of folk art and collectibles), lunch at The Old Barn Out Back (a replica of an 1865 stock barn), and a stroll through the festive grounds of the Allen County Museum and MacDonell House, where gaily decorated trees and wreaths beckon while caroling, craft boutiques, and a tour of a Victorian mansion will put you in the holiday spirit. The cost is only \$27.50. For more information, contact Marilyn Masters at 942-6852.

Tired of Living Alone?

Rambling around alone in that big old house? *Homeshaaring* can provide companionship and additional income. Many seniors are finding that Home-sharing is a solution to some problems associated with home ownership such as yard maintenance and light housekeeping. Sharers are often willing to rake leaves, shovel snow and provide light housekeeping for a reduction in rent.

The Information Center carefully screens and matches people who share common interests.

All prospective sharers are given the opportunity to talk to the persons they may choose to share with prior to making a commitment to share. In fact, they are encouraged to have several telephone conversations before a meeting takes place. Persons who are interested should call 282-7171.

Take Note

Qualified residents can obtain home weatherization — call Wayne County Weatherization at 467-3455.

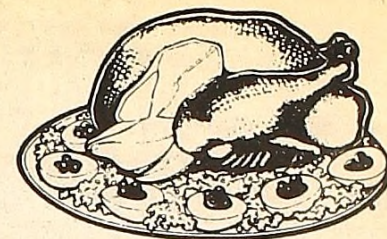
Low- and moderate-income Romulus residents can obtain loan-liens for home improvements — call the Housing Rehabilitation Program at 942-7592.

Handicapped Parking Permits

In order to prevent able-bodied motorists from abusing handicapped parking privileges, the State will be issuing newly designed, more identifiable parking permits for persons with permanent or temporary disabilities. The new temporary permits will display the expiration date in easy-to-read bold print and will deteriorate after a reasonable amount of time. Applicants for the permits will have to provide more specific information from their physicians in order to obtain a permanent or temporary sticker.

Special Thanks

Residents of the Romulus Tower were breakfast guests of the students of Romulus Junior High School on the morning of November 16. Throughout the year, Romulus students have given generously of themselves and their time to our seniors, and their show of concern and hospitality is truly appreciated by all of us. □



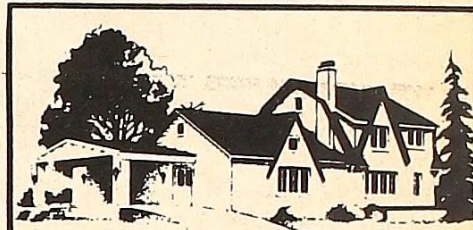
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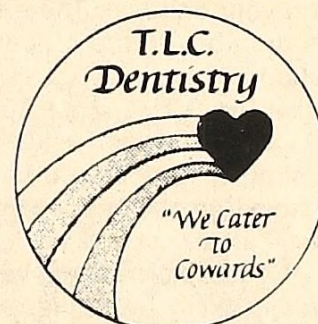
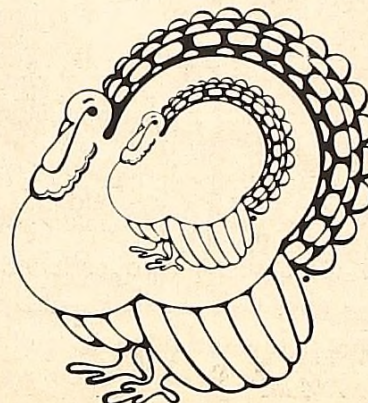
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CEASE AND DESIST ORDER SOUGHT

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the personal property statements that were to be destroyed are now in the office of City Council's secretary, still sealed. There is also a form accompanying the three boxes of statements that appraises the members of the City Council (and anyone else) that the records inside the boxes are "Confidential Information," and that anyone wishing to examine them should first realize that legal action may be taken against him if he does.

As you read this story, the Editor of the Romulus News, David Atkins, and the Paper's attorney, Murray Duncan, will be in court, asking a judge to place a Cease and Desist order on the City Council and all others wishing to inspect those records.

The question here is not whether those concerned have particular information in those records that they would not want others to see; the basic issue is simply the principle of the right to privacy.

If Councilman Raspberry is allowed to carry out his intentions, then what, theoretically, would keep him or any other Councilman, policeman, or neighbor from coming into your home and investigating it without your permission? It is, in this paper's opinion, a

simple matter of invasion of privacy, no matter how you look at it.

To discover how Romulus citizens feel about Raspberry's proposed action, the Editor of the *The Romulus News* talked to some of the Town's business people and Council members, as well as the City Clerk and the Mayor.

McAnally said that she had simply abided by the City Charter, which says that the moving or destroying of records must be approved by City Council. City Clerk Linda Choate felt basically the same way.

The Town's business people were adamantly against it. Tony Kopas, the owner of Romulus Hardware, said, "I would see no reason why the Council should look at them (the assessment records). I'm sorry, but if those are private records and they're personal, and it's against the law for anybody to view them, then he (Raspberry) does not have that right, and I'm totally against him looking at them."

Tom Nappo, owner of the Landing Strip Lounge, said he was going to have his attorney look into the matter, and Dolores Witzgall, the proprietor of the Polka-Dot Party Pantry, said that they had better not look at those records!

Of the Councilmen questioned (Mr.

Raspberry could not be reached by telephone), Randy Gear said he is against anyone looking into those records except Mr. Raftary; Pete Bergeron is also against the inspection of the records, saying that they are none of anyone's business; Bill Wadsworth said he would need an attorney's opinion, although he had no intention of looking at the records, knowing they are private; Mary Ann Banks stated that the assessor or someone else should have told the Council about the statute, but that she is not interested in seeing them; and Junior Block said that, as far as he is concerned, those are private records, and should not be viewed by anyone except those involved (the person of record and the Assessor).

After hearing the views of all these people, this paper has taken the stand that personal and private records are exactly that — personal and private — and should not be inspected without the express written consent of the people to whom they refer.

If Mr. Raspberry would go to such lengths to see these records, which are confidential and, apparently, none of his or anyone else's business, how far would he go if he could? No one knows the answer to that except Mr. Raspberry.

At this writing, the records that the Assessor wants destroyed are in the office of the Council's secretary. The Assessor has not, at this point, been given authority to destroy these rec-

ords. The Council does not have to give that authorization, although many other cities destroy such records annually.

Maybe it is time we all took a closer look at what goes on in this city, and act on what we see. The Mayor acted according to the Charter, Mr. Raftary acted according to the State statutes, and the City Clerk acted according to directions given her by the Council.

The question here is, if the seals on those cases are broken, is it or is it not legal for Councilman Raspberry (or anyone else, for that matter) to look at those records?

This paper intends to acquire a Cease and Desist order, and to find out, through the courts, if opening those records constitutes an invasion of privacy. If the courts decide that they are confidential, and those records are opened by anyone other than those legally authorized to do so, this paper will seek litigation against those involved in the matter. □

Happy Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER 1988 CALENDAR OF EVENTS HALECREEK SCHOOL — ART McPHARLIN, PRINCIPAL

DAY	SPECIAL EVENTS	TIME	ROOM
17	Parent-Teacher Conferences (classes will be in session all day)	5-7:30p	
18	Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences	8:30-11a	
18	Honor Roll Assembly, followed by 'Tea' (parents invited)	10a	Cafeteria
18	Half day of school for grades 1-7 — Dismissal at 11:15 a.m. (P.M. Kindergarten will be in session)		
23	First-grade Thanksgiving Dinner	12p	Cafeteria
24	Thanksgiving Day — no school		
25	No school		
30	School-wide Positive Discipline Assembly		
DAY	WEEKLY ACTIVITIES	TIME (PM)	ROOM
M	Romulus Recreation Floor Hockey (third and fourth grades; fee)	2:45-4:45	Gym
	Karate Lessons	6-8	Gym
	Brownies — Troop 291	6:30-7:45	Cafeteria
	Brownies — Troop 174	6:30-7:45	Music
	Girl Scouts — Troop 215	6:30-8	Lrn. Ctr.
Tu	Boys & Girls Bible Club	2:45-4	Music
	Romulus Recreation Floor Hockey (fifth and sixth grades; fee)	2:45-4:45	Gym
	Cub Scout Meeting	2:45-4:15	Art
	Cub Scout Pack 1739 Webelos	6-7:30	Art
	Cub Scout Pack 1739 Committee Meeting (third Tuesday of the month)	7:30-9:30	Art
W	Play & Learn Program (P.A.L.)	9:30-11	#3
	Romulus Recreation Floor Hockey (third and fourth grades; fee)	2:45-4:45	Gym
	Cub Scouts — Den 4	2:45-4	Art
	Daisy Girl Scouts	6-7	Art
	Teen Drop-In Basketball (75¢ per evening)	6:30-9	Gym
Th	Romulus Recreation Floor Hockey (fifth and sixth grades; fee)	2:45-4:45	Gym
	Cub Scout Pack 1739 — Den 6	2:45-4:30	Art
	Tiger Cubs (first and third Thursday)	6:30-7:30	Art
	Cub Scout Pack 1739 Monthly Pack Meeting (last Thursday of the month)	7-9	Cafeteria

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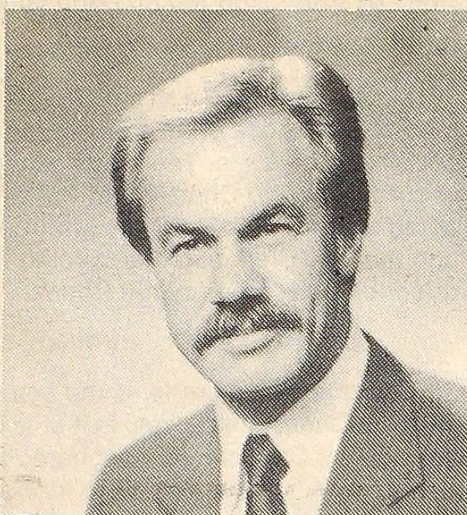
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KOSTEVA'S REPORT



by James Kosteva, State Representative, 37th District

Lifetime Sports Licenses Available

Michigan residents can now purchase lifetime hunting and fishing licenses for their own use or as gifts. The licenses, which will be valid from March 1, 1989, through the remainder of the license-holder's life, range from \$220 for a lifetime fishing license up to \$1,000 for a general sport-person's license. Revenues from the lifetime licenses will be dedicated to the State's Game and Fish Protection Fund. For more information, write the Department of Natural Resources, Administrative Services Division, License Control, P.O. Box 30028, Lansing, MI 48909; or call (517) 373-1204.

Minor Emancipation Bill Moves Closer to Passage

In many areas of Michigan, parents have effectively abandoned their minor children by filing papers to legally emancipate them. A Senate committee has approved a House bill that would allow the courts to approve an emancipation petition only when it is filed by minors over the age of 16 who can prove they could manage their financial affairs and that the emancipation is in their best interests. Parents would be notified when a petition is filed, and the legal emancipation process would then begin.

House Panel Votes Increased Penalties for High-Speed Chases

In any high-speed chase involving motorists trying to elude police, there is a great potential for innocent drivers or pedestrians to be injured or killed. A bill recently approved by a House committee would increase the penalties faced by drivers convicted of failing to stop upon the command of a police officer. The proposed legislation would make failure to stop a felony offense, with punishments up to a \$2,000 fine, four years imprisonment, and loss of the driver's license for another four years.

Michigan Welfare Rate Is Lowest in Decade

In the last three months, more than 8,000 Michigan individuals and families receiving public assistance have left the welfare system for paid employ-

ment. This has reduced the State's welfare case-load to its lowest level in the 1980s. During the current fiscal year, close to 26,000 welfare cases have been 'closed' as recipients moved into the work force.

House Bill Proposes Aid to Volunteer Ambulance Operations

Current State law requires ambulance operations to provide at least one ambulance and appropriate personnel 'on call' 24 hours a day, every day. This requirement is extremely burdensome on unpaid volunteer ambulance services that back up municipal and commercial emergency services in many Michigan communities. A bill recently passed by the House would exempt the volunteer ambulance services from this requirement, as long as they have an automated telephone call forwarding system in operation during the hours they are not working.

Bridges Slated for Replacement or Repair

Eighty-three (83) critically deficient bridges on Michigan county roads, city streets, and State highways will be replaced or repaired in the next year. State funds will cover 15% of the cost, with local funds covering five percent and Federal funds covering the remainder. The bridge improvements will improve motorist safety and preserve

Michigan's network of highways and roads.

Auto-Theft Prevention Grants Awarded

The legislatively created Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) has awarded more than 40 grants to law-enforcement agencies, prosecuting attorneys, and community groups to support car-theft prevention efforts across Michigan. The \$7.1 million in grants, which are supported by assessments paid by State insurance companies, will allow almost 100 police officers, several prosecutors, and 17 non-profit organizations help fight auto theft. In 1987, the second year of the ATPA grants program, car thefts were down five percent in Michigan while, nationwide, the rate rose by five percent.

Bill Would Certify Service Dogs for Deaf Persons

A recently introduced House bill would establish specific training requirements for service dogs used by deaf and physically handicapped Michigan residents. In order to be officially certified, the dog would have to receive obedience training from a recognized agency and be able to show that it could perform specific tasks related to the owner's needs. Proponents of the measure say the new regulation would ensure that the owner can rely on a certified dog's ability.

State Acquires Islands for Preservation and Recreational Development

Under legislation recently approved by Congress, the State of Michigan will acquire ownership of more than 500 small islands in the Great Lakes and inland waterways. State officials say that some of the islands will become part of a proposed 'trail' for boaters on the Great Lakes, others will be developed for recreational uses (including hunting and fishing), and those islands that provide habitats for endangered wildlife will be preserved in their natural state.

New Law Targets Health-Care Card Fraud

A new State law provides penalties for persons who fraudulently obtain health-care services using a stolen or altered insurance identification card. The new law puts the criminal misuse of health-care cards under the same penalties as the fraudulent use of credit cards and electronic-banking cards.

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WONDERING ABOUT THE MOON

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end Daddy.

"Come on, kids, let's boogie," I laugh as we tumble into my car, destined for Grandma's and Aunt Judy's, where I now live. Joe, almost two, with long, curly, blonde hair and blue eyes that would make Paul Newman envious, sits quietly in the back seat, tucked comfortably into his car seat. He gazes at me and smiles, then turns and studies the scenery intently. He remains quiet except for an occasional, "Da! Plane!" or "Da! Choo-Choo!" Thus far, Joe's not sure it behooves him to talk much. I'm sure he's got good reason.

Meredith's up front with me, and is a whirlwind of activity. She's laughing, singing, (occasionally checking on Joe), and continually bouncing during our 30-minute drive. When Meredith was born, four years ago, her tiny features seemed perfect; they still do. She shares Joe's blonde hair, and her hazel eyes sparkle when she laughs, which is often. And she loves to play "pretend" phone. I'll call her, "pretend," and we'll perform the telephone scenario she meticulously has devised. This occupies most of our riding time.

Occasionally, though, Meredith becomes serious. She'll look at me with furrowed brow and heavy bottom lip, and ask, "Daddy, how come you and Mommy don't live in our house?" My mood plummets to mirror hers. "Honey," I try to explain, "Mommy and Daddy fight too

much and it's not good. But we still love you and we still love Joe, and we always will." She ponders this a moment, and suddenly brightens again. "Okay, Daddy," she bubbles, "What are we going to do special today?"

We arrive at Grandma's and Aunt Judy's, and the pace quickens. Hugs are given all around, while I tote in clothes and the two or three toys without which Meredith couldn't survive the day. ("But, Daddy, I need my Big Bird puzzle, and Barbie, too!") We plop down in the living room, and Meredith's ahead of her years, asking, "So, what have you been doin' Aunt Judy?" Joe glances around, flashes a sly grin, and quickly darts toward the nearest stairs. I bounce up and the chase is on. It seems I'm shadowing Joe much of the weekend; his energy level approaches that of the plane he spotted earlier.

Soon, things settle. Toward evening, my mother asks when Joe usually goes to bed. I can't answer . . . I don't know anymore. Both kids' everyday routines, which, before, were such a large part of my life, are now unknown. I fall silent and recall picking up Joe and Meredith that morning. Meredith was putting on her coat and I noticed she gripped the ends of her shirt sleeves before putting in each arm. When did she learn that? Again, I don't know.

But I do know how to change Joe's

pooie diapers — although, what used to be a three-minute job using two or three pre-moistened wipes has now expanded to 10 minutes and too many wipes to count. When finally done, I realize a quick shower wouldn't hurt either of us.

Later, before bedtime, I ask Meredith if she saw the moon last night. It's something I've done since I moved out. "Remember, when you see the moon, think of me," I'll say.

Meredith often asks if I think of her and Joe when I see the moon. "Yep," I answer. "When I see the moon, I think about you guys and wonder what you're doing *right now!* Are you watching TV, or playing with toys, or what . . . I wonder?" Meredith giggles and promises she'll look at the moon every night.

Late afternoon, Sunday. The autumn sun has grown weary and is melting into the horizon. Shadows cast from trees and houses are becoming long and dark. I pull my car into my wife's driveway. Meredith and Joe are tired, but happy. Their mom appears at the door, smiling brightly at them. The kids bound out of the car and race to the front door, yelling, "Mommy! Mommy! Mommy!" I gaze skyward and wonder about the moon. □

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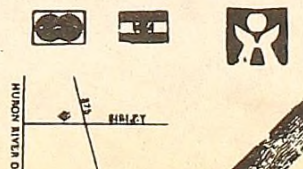


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